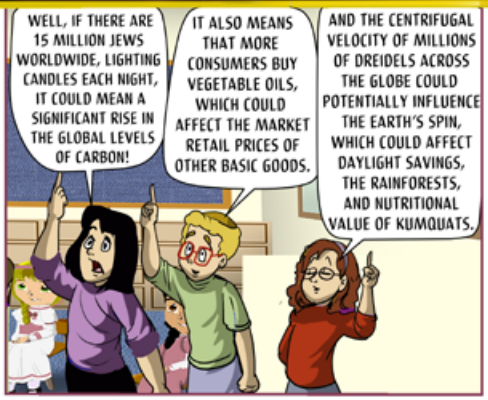
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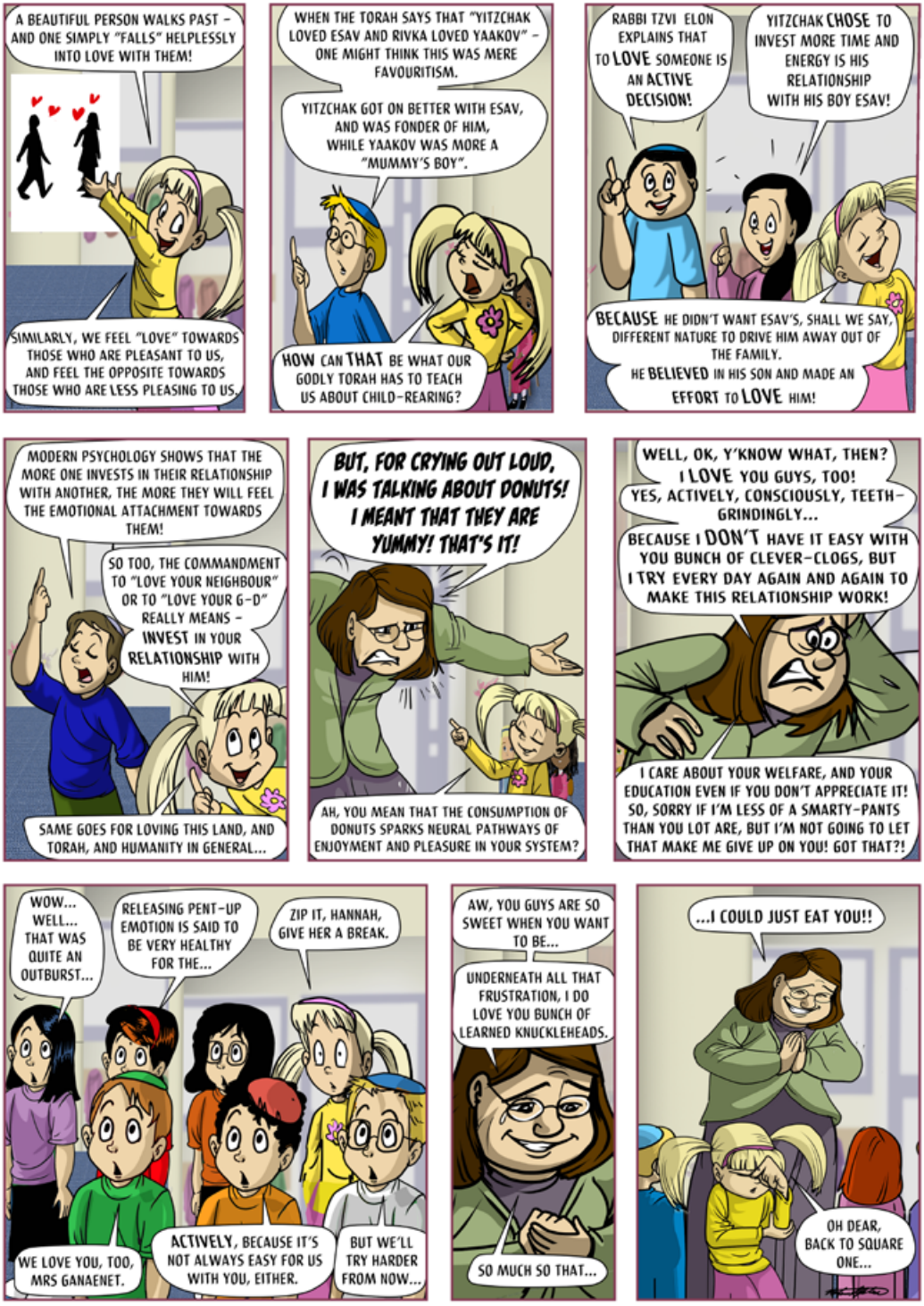











A BEAUTIFUL PERSON WALKS PAST – AND ONE SIMPLY "FALLS" HELPLESSLY INTO LOVE WITH THEM!
SIMILARLY, WE FEEL "LOVE" TOWARDS THOSE WHO ARE PLEASANT TO US, AND FEEL THE OPPOSITE TOWARDS THOSE WHO ARE LESS PLEASING TO US.
WHEN THE TORAH SAYS THAT "YITZCHAK LOVED ESAV AND RIVKA LOVED YAAKOV" – ONE MIGHT THINK THIS WAS MERE FAVOURITISM.
YITZCHAK GOT ON BETTER WITH ESAV, AND WAS FONDER OF HIM, WHILE YAAKOV WAS MORE A "MUMMY'S BOY".
HOW CAN THAT BE WHAT OUR GODLY TORAH HAS TO TEACH US ABOUT CHILD-REARING?
RABBI TZVI ELON EXPLAINS THAT TO LOVE SOMEONE IS AN ACTIVE DECISION!
YITZCHAK CHOSE TO INVEST MORE TIME AND ENERGY IS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS BOY ESAV!
BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT ESAV'S, SHALL WE SAY, DIFFERENT NATURE TO DRIVE HIM AWAY OUT OF THE FAMILY.
HE BELIEVED IN HIS SON AND MADE AN EFFORT TO LOVE HIM!
MODERN PSYCHOLOGY SHOWS THAT THE MORE ONE INVESTS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER, THE MORE THEY WILL FEEL THE EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TOWARDS THEM!
SO TOO, THE COMMANDMENT TO "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR" OR TO "LOVE YOUR G-D" REALLY MEANS – INVEST IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!
SAME GOES FOR LOVING THIS LAND, AND TORAH, AND HUMANITY IN GENERAL...
BUT, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, I WAS TALKING ABOUT DONUTS! I MEANT THAT THEY ARE YUMMY! THAT'S IT!
AH, YOU MEAN THAT THE CONSUMPTION OF DONUTS SPARKS NEURAL PATHWAYS OF ENJOYMENT AND PLEASURE IN YOUR SYSTEM?
WELL, OK, Y'KNOW WHAT, THEN? I LOVE YOU GUYS, TOO! YES, ACTIVELY, CONSCIOUSLY, TEETH-GRINDINGLY...
BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE IT EASY WITH YOU BUNCH OF CLEVER-CLOGS, BUT I TRY EVERY DAY AGAIN AND AGAIN TO MAKE THIS RELATIONSHIP WORK!
I CARE ABOUT YOUR WELFARE, AND YOUR EDUCATION EVEN IF YOU DON'T APPRECIATE IT! SO, SORRY IF I'M LESS OF A SMARTY-PANTS THAN YOU LOT ARE, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET THAT MAKE ME GIVE UP ON YOU! GOT THAT?!
WOW... WELL... THAT WAS QUITE AN OUTBURST...
RELEASING PENT-UP EMOTION IS SAID TO BE VERY HEALTHY FOR THE...
ZIP IT, HANNAH, GIVE HER A BREAK.
WE LOVE YOU, TOO, MRS GANAENET.
ACTIVELY, BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY FOR US WITH YOU, EITHER.
BUT WE'LL TRY HARDER FROM NOW...
AW, YOU GUYS ARE SO SWEET WHEN YOU WANT TO BE...
UNDERNEATH ALL THAT FRUSTRATION, I DO LOVE YOU BUNCH OF LEARNED KNUCKLEHEADS.
SO MUCH SO THAT...
...I COULD JUST EAT YOU!!
OH DEAR, BACK TO SQUARE ONE...